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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence  
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Chief, Production Assessment and  
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VIA:

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SUBJECT:

National Intelligence Situation Report

1. On October 5, I briefed Mr. Thomas Latimer on the IC Staff report to the NSC for the semiannual intelligence review. During the briefing we discussed the recent Korean crisis and the DCI's Task Force which produced the National Intelligence Situation Reports. Mr. Latimer stated that he had worked out an agreement with General Sitton and yourself regarding provision of military operational information to future task forces. I think we should nail down this agreement while the iron is hot. ??

2. I have embodied the agreed procedures (as described by Latimer) in the attached Memorandum of Understanding. If this attachment accurately reflects your understanding of what has been agreed to, I propose we take the following steps to formalize an agreement with DOD and to resolve the continuing problem of task force access to State cables:

- After staffing with DOD, the DCI would send the attached Memorandum of Understanding (or a revision, if appropriate) to the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for signature.

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- After staffing with State, the DCI would send a somewhat similar Memorandum of Understanding to the Secretary of State for signature. The principle to be agreed upon with State should be that all relevant cables and other information on State Department actions related to a crisis would be provided to the task force as a matter of routine. If it were felt that certain cables or other information were sensitive and should not be provided to the task force, or should be provided for background use only, then State would take action to limit the distribution of only that material.
- Once these Memoranda of Understanding are signed, their substance would be appended to the National Intelligence Situation Report Procedures, which are to be resubmitted to the NFIB for concurrence.

3. I request your approval of this line of approach before initiating further discussion within DOD and State.



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Attachment a/s

APPROVED:



Deputy to the DCI for the  
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

SUBJECT: Provision of Military Operational Information for the  
Production of a National Intelligence Situation Report

Background

The National Security Council's Contingency Planning Group has requested the Director of Central Intelligence to take measures to produce a single National Intelligence Situation Report for the President and other senior consumers during crises, or when international events or the needs of the NSC so demand. The National Intelligence Situation Report is intended to be an all-source product, coordinated within the Intelligence Community, which summarizes all relevant military and political information bearing on the situation. The Report will be produced by an interagency task force drawn from among the principal producing agencies of the Intelligence Community, i. e., CIA, DIA, State/INR, and NSA. The Director of Central Intelligence is responsible for determining when a National Intelligence Situation Report is to be produced and for appointing one of the producing agencies to serve as his executive agent for the production effort.

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to ensure (1) that the facts and analytical judgments presented in the National Intelligence Situation Report take into account all relevant operational information pertaining to the disposition and employment of US military forces and (2) that the provision of military operational information to the National Intelligence Situation Report Task Force does not in any way conflict with the responsibilities of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as the principal military advisers to the President or with the responsibilities and authority of the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff to provide direct advice to the President on all military matters.

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Agreement

In consideration of these requirements and conditions, the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Director of Central Intelligence agree as follows:

1. That the Joint Chiefs of Staff will provide to the National Intelligence Situation Report Task Force all relevant information related to ongoing movements and operations of US military forces and approved plans for future movements and operations. This information is to be provided with the understanding that, unless specifically precluded by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, it may be included in the National Intelligence Situation Report for the President and other senior Government officials and that it may also be disseminated as necessary within the Intelligence Community.

2. That the Joint Chiefs of Staff will inform the National Intelligence Situation Report Task Force of all relevant information concerning US military plans, movements, and operations which are under consideration, but which have not been approved. This information will be provided with the understanding that it be used only to help focus collection and analytic efforts and that it not be included in the National Intelligence Situation Report.

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Donald Rumsfeld  
Secretary of Defense

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General George Brown, USAF  
Chairman  
Joint Chiefs of Staff

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George Bush  
Director of  
Central Intelligence

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